

the walls and the dirty clothes and best clothes everywhere. They are so used to it all now that they don't see the difference any more. I would be the same way if I stayed at home, I suppose, but now I could never stand it.

By college age, it was easy to take Mother for granted. The vision of her quietly lugging another basket of dirty laundry down the stairs as I sat studying makes me wish I had just once jumped up and said, "Here, little Mom. You work so hard for us Let me do that for you!"

Her Later Years

Mother's eyesight dimmed in later years. It never changed her lifestyle, but once she looked out of the car window at the red fire hydrant near our house and asked Mike, "What's Peter doing outside without his coat on?"

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| Our move to Houston, Texas from Indianapolis, Indiana encouraged Mother to bring out her hidden agenda and exchange a life of exercise, projects and homemaking for ten years of intense college study. | |
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July 6, 1929, Buenos Aires - When Arthur and Mother don't have to work in the mill they don't do anything at home. What I mean is, they think I am just having the life of Reilly all the time. They don't realize that ever since I left school I have been studying something or other, either to improve my shorthand or Spanish and if I didn't do that I would take lessons in dressmaking or try to learn it by myself.